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1. The reply filed on February 14, 2001 is **not fully responsive** to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): while Applicant has elected a single species of the elected invention of Group I, claims 1-25, as required in paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2000, Applicant has inadvertently failed to identify the claims readable upon the elected specie as required in the same paragraph. Applicant is reminded that in order to be complete, an election of a single species from those named as (a) and (b) in Group I must be made, as well as identification of the claims readable upon the elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600, Group 1640 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1640 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The fax phone number for official documents to be entered into the record for Art Unit 1644 is (703)305-3014.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to the Examiner's supervisor, Ms. Christina Chan, who can be reached at (703)308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist, whose telephone number is (703)308-0196.

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